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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - More than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.)(see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1)). See Figure(s) 9-10.

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In re application of : September 19, 2003
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Serial No. 10/604,487 : Group Art Unit: 1763
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TITLE: SYSTEM AND METHODS OF ALTERING A VERY SMALL SURFACE
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed September 8, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application, formal drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 have been filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
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